

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

In the matter of the amendment of ) NOTICE OF AMENDMENT  
ARM 12.10.103, 12.10.106, and )  
12.10.112 regarding shooting range )  
development grants )

TO: All Concerned Persons

1. On December 9, 2010 the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (department) published MAR Notice No. 12-367 pertaining to the proposed amendment of the above-stated rules at page 2794 of the 2010 Montana Administrative Register, Issue Number 23.

2. The department has amended ARM 12.10.103, 12.10.106, and 12.10.112 as proposed.

3. The department has thoroughly considered the comments received. A summary of the comments received and the department's responses are as follows:

Comment 1: One person stated the department should go back to the two-year program because it would give the clubs more time to apply and then finish an award after notification.

Response 1: The department feels that a one-year application cycle allows potential applicants more opportunity to apply and compete for funding. The change will still allow successful range applicants up to two years to complete a grant.

Comment 2: One person stated that the match requirement should be dropped because it is difficult for the clubs to come up with the match.

Response 2: Matching funds are required by 87-1-278, MCA. The department cannot change the requirement that clubs provide matching funds through the rulemaking process.

/s/ Joe Maurier

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Rule Reviewer

Certified to the Secretary of State January 18, 2011.